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SUPERIOR STAFF IN THE SECRETARIAT.

*45Q: SIR K. RAJARAM NAYUDU: Will the Hon.the Prime Minister be pleased to place on the table of the House--

(a) a comparative list showing the order of seniority and the posts held by--

(1) each member of the superior staff, viz. Assistant Secretaries and Superintendents in the Secretariats of Public Works, Law, Land Revenue, Industries and Labour and Public Health in 1939 just before the Congress Ministers resigned; and

(2) of the same members ~~xx~~ in 1946 just before the Congress Ministers again took office; and state;;

(b) whether there has been, during the interval, any case of change in the seniority of any particular member or members of the departments superseding seniors according to the list of 1939; and

(c) the status and qualification which they possessed before they were promoted to the superior jobs?

THE HON.SRI T. PRAKASAM:- "(A), (b) and (c) The Posts of Superintendents in the Madras Secretariat Service belong to a selection category, and appointments to the posts are made solely on grounds of merit and ability, seniority being considered only where merit and ability are approximately equal. In the case of Assistant Secretaries to Government, appointments are made in consultation with the Madras Public Service Commission and its recommendations are generally accepted in the matter. The Government do not consider that the collection of the information asked for will serve any usuful purpose".

SRI. K. RAJARAM NAYUDU:-"May I know, Sir, whether the Government will make an enquiry and find out how many persons have been overlooked with regard to promotions, and see that their grievances are redressed"?.

THE HON.SRI T. PRAKASAM:- "Such a general undertaking cannot be given, Sir".

B. POCKER SAHIB BAHADUR;- "May I know, Sir, whether, in the cases in which the merits of candidates are approximately equal, and where any particular community is not at all represented, the question of communal consideration will arise?"

THE HON.SRI T.PRAKASAM:- "According to circumstances, communal consideration also may be taken into account"

ABDUL HAMEED KHAN SAHIB BAHADUR:- "Is the Premier aware, Sir, that practice is prevalent in the Secretariat, that members belonging to particular communities, who reach the top rank in that department, are shunted out to ~~xxx~~ other departments in order to enable the members of a particular community to be appointed as Superintendent or Assistant Secretary?".

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:- "The hon.Mmeber may give instances to enable the Government to consider".

SRI S. NAGAPPAL "May I know, Sir, whether in a particular case of a Harijan graduate, by name Appa Rao, his claims were overlooked though he was fully qualified and he was the seniormost man, to be promoted as Superintendent in the Food Department, quite recently?".

(Mr.N.Muhammad Anwar Sahib: 'What an advocate?')

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM:- "Notice".

M.MUHAMMAD ISMAIL SAHIB BAHADUR:- "May I enquire, Sir, whether the Government believes, recognizes and puts into practice the principle ~~xxx~~ of seniority and merit at all, and whether influence and recommendations play an important part?"

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